



PATENT
Docket No: USCA2413 US NP

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Astles, et al.

Examiner: **Chang, Celia**

Art Unit: **1625**

Application No.: **09/843,126**

Filed: **April 26, 2001**

Title: **Chemical Compounds**

Petition for Withdrawal from Issue Pursuant to

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.313(a) and 1.313(c)(2)--Issue Fee Paid

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir,

Applicants respectfully petition to the Commissioner that the above-captioned patent application be withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.313(a) and 1.313(c)(2). The issue fee was paid on February 1, 2005. Applicants are not aware that an issue date or a patent number has been assigned to the above-reference patent application.

Applicants petition to withdraw this case from issue, in favor of a request for continued examination pursuant ("RCE") to 37 C.F.R. §114. The RCE is accompanied by an IDS submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, that includes four references that were brought to applicant's attention on February 14, 2005 – after the issue fee was paid.

As required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130 petition fee, and any additional fees to Deposit Account No. **18-1982** for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., Bridgewater, NJ. Please credit an overpayment to Deposit Account No. **18-1982**. A copy of the Petition Fee Transmittal is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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In the event the Examiner wishes to contact the undersigned regarding any matter, please call the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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